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SUBJECT: DARIEN GAP CONSULTATIVE GROUP

CARACAS FOR LUERS

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME NOVEMBER 6 THAT GOC ACCEPTS CONCEPT AND IDEA OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP, AND ACCEPTS TIMING EXCEPT THAT IT REQUESTS A MEETING OF FOUR DAYS. HE ASKED FOR OUR CONFIRMATION THAT THAT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

2. COLOMBIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY VICE-MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, DR JOAQUIN DE POMBO, AND WILL COMPRISE, FOR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; DR RAFAEL I. MARINO NAVAS, GENERAL MANAGER OF ICA; DR JAIME ESTUPINAN, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF CATTLE PRODUCTION, ICA; DR MIGUEL REYES, DIRECTOR OF ICA-USDA PROJECT DR JAIME LOTERO, REGIONAL MANAGER NO 4 ANTIOQUIA-CHOCO DR JULIO CARRIZOSA UMANA, GENERAL MANAGER OF INDERENA; AND DR FERNANDO BERRIO, GENERAL MANAGER OF INDERENA IN MEDELLIN; AND FOR THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS; DR ALFREDO D BATEMAN, COUNSELOR AND DR ROBERTO MONTOYA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CONSTRUCTION.

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(FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOT NAMED A REPRESENTATIVE FOR

THE GROUP BUT MAY LATER.)

2. PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER IS INTERESTED IN A FOUR DAY MEETING BECAUSE HE CONTEMPLATES POSSIBILITY OF A FIELD TRIP TO THE SITE. AGRICULTURE MINISTER WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FOUR DAYS BECAUSE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION ON THE AFTOSA PROGRAM MAY BE TIME-CONSUMING.

3. COMMENT: I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A FIELD TRIP WOULD BE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY AT THIS POINT AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCOURAGE THAT. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE FOUR DAYS WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT CONSIST OF AN SRG MEETING FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS, POSSIBLY PARALLELED BY A MEETING BETWEEN TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH MEETINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH A TECHNICAL REVIEW. THEN THE FULL CONSULTATIVE GROUP COULD MEET THE LAST TWO DAYS, RECEIVE THE TECHNICAL REPORTS AND TAKE IT FROM THERE AS TO POLICY DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS (SEE VAKY TO LUERS MEMO OF NOVEMBER 1, 1975).

4. I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO SUGGEST DECEMBER 9 TO 12, WITH TECHNICAL MEETINGS COMPRISING THE FIRST TWO DAYS AND THE FULL CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO MEET THE LAST TWO DAYS, PER ABOVE.
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